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2. JEFF WILSON, "Back to Basics Car Weighting", Model Railroader, February 2003, pages 56, 58.

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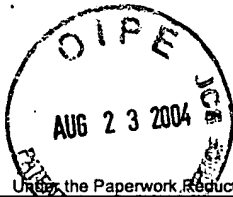
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